

USDA Pear Cultivars

'Magness'



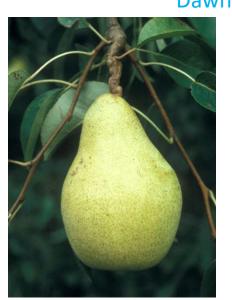
- •Excellent flavor and texture, similar to 'Comice'
- Almost immune to shoot and flower infection by fire blight. Trunk and scaffolds can be infected through wounds.
- Pollen-sterile; cannot be used as a pollinizer
 Not an early bearer; a bit better on quince rootstock
 Matures in early
- September; keeps to December
- •Released in 1960 by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

'Moonglow'



- Good flavor mild and subacid
 Fine, buttery, moderately juicy, nearly grit-free texture
 Highly resistant to fire blight
- •Productive and bears early
- Vigorous, upright, heavily spurred tree
- •Matures 7 days after 'Bartlett' •Released in 1960 by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

'Dawn'



- •Excellent flavor and texture
- •Early maturing early August
- •Short storage life get it while it's good
- •Moderate resistance to fire blight.
- •Released in 1960 by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.



- Aromatic sub-acid flavor
- •Buttery, juicy texture
- Highly resistant to fire blight
- •Matures 2 weeks after 'Bartlett'
- •Stores 2 months without superficial scald or core breakdown
- •Vigorous upright-spreading habit
- •Released in 1993 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and The Ohio State University.



'Blake's Pride'



- Aromatic flavor and aroma, similar to 'Comice'
- Highly resistant to fire blight
- Matures 2 weeks after 'Bartlett'
- Stores for 3-4 months without core breakdown
- Moderately vigorous uprightspreading
- Released in 1998 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and The Ohio State University

'Shenandoah'



- Aromatic, sub-acid to acid flavor; mellows in storage
- Large fruit size
- •Fire blight resistance equal to 'Seckel'
- •Late maturing: Harvest 4 to 5 weeks after 'Bartlett'
- •Stores 5 months without core breakdown or superficial scald
- Released in 2002 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and The Ohio State University

'Sunrise'



- Aromatic, sweet flavor; high consumer sensory ratings
- Productive
- Moderately resistant to fire blight
- Matures 2 weeks before
 'Bartlett' (Clapp's season)
- Stores for 2-3 months without core breakdown
- •Released in 2006 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and Ohio State University

'Gem'



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productive
•Good fruit quality and
appearance – good
consumer acceptance
•Can be eaten crisp or
softened
•Long storage (5 months)
with little loss of firmness
or quality
•Resistant to storage scald
•Moderate fire blight
resistance
•Long harvest period – 3
weeks without loss of

Early bearing and

storage , beginning in early
September
•Moderate fruit size –
Improved by thinning or

delayed harvest
•Joint release with Oregon
State University, Michigan
State University and
Clemson University, 2013